



## Citizenship Register

To the Registrar of Members' Interests,

## Statement in relation to citizenship – 45th Parliament

I declare that at the time I nominated for election in this 45th Parliament I was an Australian citizen.

## Section 1—Member's details

Surname	Other Names
Morton	Ben
Electorate	State
Tangney	Western Australia

## Section 2—Member's birth and citizenship details

Place of birth	Citizenship held at birth
GOSFORD, NSW	AUSTRALIAN
Date of birth	Date of Australian naturalisation (if not an Australian citizen by birth)
29 / 06 / 1981 Day Month Year	/ / Day Month Year

## Notes

- (1) The information which you are required to provide is contained in a resolution agreed to by the House of Representatives on 4 December 2017.
- (2) If there is insufficient space on this form for the information you are required to provide, you may attach additional pages for that purpose. An electronic version of this form is available at <http://members.parl.net/citizenship> (internal link).
- (3) Forward the original, signed copy of all pages of this statement to the Registrar of Members' Interests, RG.39 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600.

**Section 3(a)—Member's parents' birth details**

	Mother	Father
Place of birth:	Manchester, United Kingdom	Wyong, New South Wales
Date of birth:	26 / 12 / 1946 Day Month Year	26 / 11 / 1946 Day Month Year

**Section 3(b)—Member's grandparents' birth details**

	Maternal grandmother	Maternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Manchester, United Kingdom	Manchester, United Kingdom
Date of birth:	29 / 01 / 1927 Day Month Year	17 / 03 / 1922 Day Month Year

	Paternal grandmother	Paternal grandfather
Place of birth:	Wyong, New South Wales	Wyong, New South Wales
Date of birth:	01 / 05 / 1922 Day Month Year	10 / 07 / 1921 Day Month Year

**Section 3(c)—Member's spouse details (if applicable)**

	Spouse
Place of birth:	Darwin, Northern Territory
Date of birth:	18 / 02 / 1980 Day Month Year

### Section 3(d)

Please list the steps you have taken to assure yourself you have not acquired citizenship of another country by descent, marriage or other means.

I was born in Gosford NSW and I have never held any other citizenship than Australian. I have never taken any action to become a citizen of another country.

I had conducted my own extensive investigations about my qualifications prior to nominating for election.

Once Mr Joyce made his discovery of his citizenship I contacted the British High Commission and the Home Office to seek written confirmation of what I already knew as fact. This was done on the basis that it may be eventually needed to satisfy media speculation.

I made application for confirmation to the British Home Office and paid 234 pounds!

I have received written confirmation that I have not acquired British citizenship and confirmation that I have no automatic claim to British citizenship as a consequence of my mother's birth in the UK.

Confirmation from the British Home office is attached.

It is a great honour to serve in the House of Representatives representing the great people of Tangney after having sworn an oath to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Australia!

### Section 4(a)—Foreign citizenship

Have you ever been a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☒ **NO** — Proceed to Section 6

☐ **YES** — List the countries that you have been a citizen of, and evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship of any other country was renounced or otherwise came to an end in accordance with the laws of the relevant country.

Country	Manner of renunciation or other manner in which the foreign citizenship came to an end	Date	Evidence attached

**NB:** Evidence of the date and manner in which your citizenship was renounced or otherwise came to an end **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

**Section 4(b)—Foreign citizenship at time of nomination**

On the date you nominated for election in this 45th Parliament were you a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☐**NO**☐

**YES** — *Provide details and evidence of any steps you have taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination.*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

**NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country prior to the date of nomination **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

**Section 4(c)—Foreign citizenship now**

Are you now a citizen of any country other than Australia?

☐**NO**☐

**YES** — *Provide details and evidence of any steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country.*

Country	Action	Date	Evidence attached

**NB:** Evidence of the steps taken to renounce the citizenship of the other country **should** be attached to this form. Please date and initial each page of any attachment.

## Section 5—Member with foreign citizenship at nomination or now

Complete this section if you answered YES in section 4(b) or 4(c)

Basis on which you contend you are not disqualified under s 44(i) of the Constitution	Evidence attached

*NB: Please date and initial each page of any attachment.*

## Section 6—General declaration

I declare that I have completed this statement to the best of my knowledge and have attached all evidence relevant to my declarations.

Signed	Date:
	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>4 / 12 / 17</p> <p>Day      Month      Year</p> </div>



**Morton, Ben (MP)**

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**Subject:** Citizenship  
**Attachments:** Mr B Morton.pdf

**From:** Page, Ian (Liverpool) [mailto: [REDACTED]@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** Monday, 14 August 2017 11:10 PM  
**To:** Morton, Ben [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@fco.gov.uk  
**Subject:** RE: Citizenship

Dear Ben,

Our records check is now complete and I attach confirmation that you have not acquired British citizenship. A hard copy is in the mail under International Signed For tracking number RU179599895GB. This is our standard product for a query of this kind – which, as you will see, is a signed and embossed version of the form you completed.

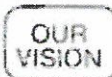
I can also confirm that you have no automatic claim to British citizenship as a consequence of your mother's birth in the UK.

Regards,

Ian

**Ian Page**  
Deputy Chief Caseworker for Nationality Group  
UKVI Service Delivery Manager for the Life in the UK Test

**UK Visas & Citizenship**  
**Citizenship, Work, Study, Premium**  
Silver Zone, 4th Floor, Capital Building, Liverpool, L3 9PP  
**T:** [REDACTED]  
**M:** [REDACTED]  
**E Mail:** [REDACTED]@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk  
**Fax:** [REDACTED]



To be a world-leading immigration service,  
working for a safe and prosperous United Kingdom

*[Handwritten signature]*  
4/12/17

Form NQ (Part 3)

Confirmation of the non-acquisition of British

NA 0491026

Name and address to which confirmation of non acquisition should be sent

BEN MORTON  
PO Box 329  
WILLETTON WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
6955  
AUSTRALIA

And

QApH.gov.Au

If this is the address of a foreign embassy, you must have submitted your passport renewal application. State the reference number for your passport renewal:

Your details:

Title - please select:

Mr ☒

Mrs ☐

Miss ☐

Ms ☐

Other (please state)

Forenames:

B E N

Surname/Family name:

M O R T O N

Other names by which you have been known:

Date of birth:

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Town and country of birth:

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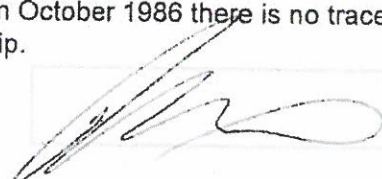
Nationality:

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According to UKV&I records from October 1986 there is no trace of the above named person having acquired British citizenship.

Signed on behalf of UKVI:

 14/08/17

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4/12/17